

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2837 without my signature.

This bill is unnecessary. The Labor & Workforce Development Agency and Division of Apprenticeship Standards has recently created a Quality Standards Committee, composed of both union and non-union apprenticeship program sponsors, to work with interested parties on the development of apprenticeship standards. Furthermore, requiring the withholding of reimbursements to apprenticeship programs for supplemental instruction may have the adverse effect on programs in migratory trades, slow-growth trades and highly technical or dangerous trades.

All apprenticeship programs already undergo an approval and oversight process through the Division of Apprenticeship Standards that is responsible for ensuring that these programs function effectively. Students or others who are concerned about the quality of any specific programs should bring their concerns to the Division.

Therefore, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger